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REMARKS

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In the Office Action, the Examiner allowed claims 1, 4-11, 13-20, 22-31, 36, 37, 41-51, 56-67, and 69-74, objected to claims 29, 38 and 65 and rejected claims 38-40 under USC 102(e).

Claims 29, 38 and 65 have been amended. Thus, claims 1, 4-11, 13-20, 22-31, 36-51, 56-67, and 69-74 are pending in the application. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested based on the following remarks.

Claim Objections

Claims 29, 38 and 65 have been amended to obviate the objections. Although these claims have been amended, it should be emphasized that this was done to expedite the prosecution of the case. The Applicant therefore reserves the right to pursue these rejected claims in a continuing application.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC 102

Claims 38-40 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by An (6,494,593).

In contrast to An, claim 38 (and its dependents) specifically requires, "...the light source being dedicated to illuminating the light passing wall..." In An, the light emitting part 21 is not dedicated to illuminating the logo 800, but rather to providing illumination to the LCD unit 30. The light used for the logo 800 is secondary light. Accordingly, the rejection is unsupported by the art and should be withdrawn.

Also in contrast to An, claim 38 (and its dependents) specifically requires, "...a light controller operatively coupled to the light source, the light source controller being configured to control the light source so as to illuminate at least a portion of the light passing wall of the housing with the light generated by the light source ..." In An, the light does not change, nor is it controllable. In fact, it appears to rely on the constant output from the light emitting part 21 of the LCD unit 30. Accordingly, the rejection is unsupported by the art and should be withdrawn.

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Although the rejections to the dependent claims should be withdrawn for at least the reasons as above, it should be noted that they offer additional language that is unsupported by the art.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1, 4-II, 13-20, 22-31, 36, 37, 41-51, 56-67, and 69-74 have been allowed.

SUMMARY

Accordingly, it is believed that no fees are due in connection with the filing of this Amendment. However, if it is determined that any fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account 500388 (Order No.APL1P215).

Applicant believes that all pending claims are allowable and respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance for this application from the Examiner. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the undersigned can be reached at the telephone number set out below.

Respectfully submitted,

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